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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Candidates' Residencies - Challenges - Expedited Judicial Review**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain registered voters to file a petition with the
4 circuit court that challenges the residency of certain candidates; requiring the
5 petition to be filed within a certain period of time; requiring the circuit court to
6 expedite the judicial review of the petition within a certain period of time; and
7 generally relating to challenging the residency of a candidate and expediting the
8 judicial review of that challenge.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Election Law
11 Section 5-305
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2003 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Election Law**

17 5-305.

18 (A) ANY REGISTERED VOTER WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT OR OTHER
19 GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN WHICH A CANDIDATE IS SEEKING OFFICE MAY FILE A
20 PETITION WITH THE CIRCUIT COURT THAT CHALLENGES THE CANDIDATE'S
21 RESIDENCY AS PROVIDED IN § 5-202 OF THIS TITLE.

22 (B) (1) THE PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITHIN 7 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE
23 CANDIDATE'S CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY IS FILED UNDER § 5-302 OF THIS
24 SUBTITLE.

25 (2) JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ANY PETITION THAT IS FILED UNDER
26 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE EXPEDITED BY THE CIRCUIT COURT
27 THAT HEARS THE CAUSE TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY IN CONSIDERATION OF THE

1 DEADLINES ESTABLISHED BY LAW, AND IN NO CASE, LONGER THAN 7 DAYS FROM
2 THE DATE THE PETITION IS FILED.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 July 1, 2004.